

## A G E N D A



## Recommendation for Council Action (CCO)

Austin City Council

Item ID:

64835

Agenda Number

9.

Meeting Date:

November 3, 2016

Department:

Capital Contracting Office

## Subject

Authorize negotiation and execution of a competitive sealed proposal agreement with R.S. ELLIS, INC dba SOUTHWEST CORPORATION, for construction improvements to multiple Austin Fire Department facilities for Women's Locker Room Additions Phase 5 and multiple Emergency Medical Service stations for vehicle bay expansions in the amount not to exceed \$4,598,345. (Districts 1,2,3,5,8 and 10)

## Amount and Source of Funding

Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Capital Budget of the Austin-Travis County Emergency Management Services. Funding in the amount of \$1,518,174 is available in the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Capital Budget of the Austin Fire Department.

## Fiscal Note

A fiscal note is attached.

**Purchasing Language:**

Best Value to the City of Austin of one Proposal received.

**Prior Council Action:**

December 17, 2015 – Council approved the use of the Alternate Delivery Methodology.

**For More Information:**

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**Boards and Commission Action:**



**Related Items:**



**MBE / WBE:**

This contract will be awarded in compliance with City Code Chapter 2-9A (Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program) through the achievements of Good Faith Efforts with 14.34 MBE and 0.13% WBE participation.

## Additional Backup Information

This project is part of an ongoing program to provide equal access facilities for women firefighters throughout the City. The project will remodel six existing fire stations to add women's locker rooms. The six fire stations are:

- Fire Station No. 5, 1201 Webberville Rd, (District 10)
- Fire Station No. 7, 201 Chicon St. (District 3)
- Fire Station No. 22, 5309 E. Riverside Dr. (District 3)
- Fire Station No. 24, 5811 Nuckols Crossing Rd. (District 2)
- Fire Station No. 26, 6702 Wentworth Dr. (District 1)
- Fire Station No. 27, 5401 McCarty Lane. (District 8)

This contract will include award of an alternate bid item for renovation work at Fire Station No. 22. An Alternate is a specified item of construction that is set apart by a separate amount for additional items of work that may be awarded as part of the contract if the bids come within the specified budget.

In addition, this project will remodel three existing Emergency Medical Services stations to provide larger vehicle bays. These Emergency Medical Service stations were constructed in the 1980s and 1990s, when ambulances were smaller and fewer paramedics were stationed at them.

The project will include new vehicle emissions exhaust system and heating ventilation air conditioning as needed for each bay, construction of larger vehicle bays to accommodate the new larger ambulances, construction of larger quarters for paramedics, and improve driveway access for ambulances. The three Emergency Medical Service stations are:

- EMS Ambulance Station No. 2, 6601 Manchaca Road (District 5)
- EMS Ambulance Station No. 8, 5211 Balcones Drive (District 10)
- EMS Ambulance Station No. 11, 5401 McCarty Lane (District 8)

The Competitive Sealed Proposal method of contracting allows the City to evaluate and score proposers on such comparable relevant experience so that services will be provided by a duly qualified and experienced contractor offering best value to the City. A city-staffed panel reviewed and evaluated the only proposal received based on published evaluation criteria.

Council's authorization of this request allows for negotiation and execution of a contract with the top-ranked contractor that offers the best value to the City on the basis of published selection criteria. Should the City be unsuccessful in negotiating a satisfactory agreement with the top-ranked contractor, said contractor will be notified in writing that negotiations will cease. Staff will then assess the contracting options available to pursue the work.

A delay in awarding this project will further impact the assignment of female fire fighters at the six existing fire stations in this project.

The contract allows 516 calendar days for substantial completion of this project. This project is located within zip codes 78721, 78702, 78741, 78744, 78724, 78749, 78745, 78731 (Districts # 1, # 2, # 3, # 5, # 8, # 10). The project will be managed by the Public Works Department.